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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

See extra sheet.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box No. II of continuation of first sheet(1)

Claims 1, 2 relate to a transfer mechanism of a blow-forming apparatus, where the special technical feature of the claims is that the mechanism has a turntable, a circular guide rail, sliders, a holding portion, a swing arm, and a slide-type connection portion.

Claims 3-6 relate to a reversal transfer mechanism of a blow-forming apparatus, where the special technical feature of the claims is that the mechanism has a turntable, a hollow cylinder member, a shaft member, a gripper, and a cam mechanism for rotation.

Claims 7-9 relate to a mold opening/closing mechanism for a blow-forming apparatus, where the special technical feature of the claims is that the mechanism has a turntable, a lifting/lowering shaft, a slider, and a pair of operating arms.

Claims 10-19 relate to a blow-forming apparatus, where the special technical feature of the claims is that the apparatus has a preform-supplying station, a heating station, a blowing station, and a recovering station.

Therefore, there is no technical relationship between the inventions of Claims 1, 2, Claims 3-6, Claims 7-9, and Claims 10-19 including one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features.